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SUBJECT: GKR CONCERN ABOUT ADMIRAL MOORER'S TESTIMONY

REF: PHNOM PENH 9468

1. FOLLOWING IS EXTRACT OF ADMIRAL MOORER'S PRESENTATION TO SFRC ON JUNE 16. BEGIN TEXT. THE KHMER INSURGENCY HAS GROWN TO BETWEEN 50,000 AND 60,000 TROOPS. NVA/VC COMBAT FORCES IN CAMBODIA ARE ADVISING THE INSURGENTS AND REPRESENT ABOUT ONE-TENTH OF THIS EFFORT. IN ADDITION, NORTH VIETNAM CONTINUES TO PROVIDE THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO THE TACTICAL UNITS OF THE INSURGENTS. THE GOVERNMENT, IN SPITE OF MANY DIRE PREDICTIONS, RETAINS EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF 55 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION AND 20 PERCENT OF THE TERRITORY. THE REMAINDER IS EITHER UNDER INSURGENT CONTROL OR VACATED. THE INSURGENTS HAVE INTERDICTED ALL OF THE MAJOR LAND LINES OF RESUPPLY TO THE CAPITAL AND ARE STRIVING TO CRUMBLE PHNOM PENH'S DEFENSES AND FORCE A CAPITULATION OF GOVERNMENT.- IF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND THEIR KHMER ALLIES ARE SUCCESSFUL IN DEFEATING THE LEGAL CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT, THE ENTIRE FABRIC OF PEACE IN THE AREA WOULD BE SEVERELY WEAKENED. END TEXT.

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2. WE ARE NOW ASKING FOR DOD ANALYSIS WHICH PRODUCED THE

POPULATION CONTROL FIGURE WHICH IS SOME 10 PERCENTAGE
POINTS LESS THAN THE FIGURE WE GENERALLY USE.

3. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE GKR FIGURE WITH BACK-UP
DATA, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF CONTINUED GRUNK CLAIMS THAT
90 PERCENT OF POPULATION IS IN THEIR HANDS. INGERSOLL

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